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BLM to Hold Public Hearing Regarding Use of Motorized Equipment for Wild Horse Management

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management will hold a public hearing to discuss the use of motorized vehicles in administration of wild horses in Colorado from 6-7 p.m. on Aug. 4 at the Grand Junction Field Office, 2815 H Road.

The BLM conducts a statewide public hearing to obtain public comment regarding the use of any motor vehicles in wild horse management. Motorized equipment is used for accomplishing a number of management objectives such as trapping operations, transporting to holding, and monitoring.

Colorado has four Herd Management Areas along the western slope of Colorado. The Sand Wash Basin, Piceance Creek/East Douglas, Little Book Cliffs, and Spring Creek Basin HMAs are managed by the Little Snake Field Office, White River Field Office, Grand Junction Field Office and the Tres Rios Field Office respectively. The use of motorized vehicles to manage or transport wild horses is planned to occur in 2016.

The public will be given an opportunity to speak. The BLM welcomes written copies of public statements or written comments for the official record. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment – including personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request the BLM to withhold personal identifying information from public review, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so. For more information, please visit us online at http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/wrfo.html

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